

Department of Charitable Gaming Guide

Does my organization need a license?

- **No**, if you are going to raise money through conducting any game of skill (basketball throw, golf putt, jelly bean count) or a live or silent auction.
- You ***do not*** need a charitable gaming license to conduct a raffle provided:
 - You do not conduct a raffle more than 3 times per calendar year;
 - The total ticket sales per raffle do not exceed \$150 dollars;
 - And all gross receipts derived from each raffle must be donated to a non-profit charitable organization.
- **Yes**, if you are going to raise money by playing any game of where the outcome is determined by chance including a raffle.
- There are 2 types of licenses – an exempt license and a regular gaming license.
- Your organization may obtain an exempt license if:
 - Gross gaming receipts will not be over \$25,000 a year; and
 - You are not going to sell pulltabs or have casino nights.
 - You may conduct bingo and have festival games of chance with this license.
 - There is no fee and a simplified application and reporting process.
 - An exempt application (CG-EXEMPT) is available on the website under “Applications and Reports.”
- Your organization must obtain a regular license if:
 - Gross gaming receipts will exceed \$25,000 a year; OR
 - You also intend to sell pulltabs or have a casino night.
 - A regular application (CG-1) is available on the website under “Applications and Reports.”
- Your organization qualifies for a license if they:
 - Have a 501(c) 3, 4, 8, 9, or 19 from the IRS or are a common school;
 - Have been operating in Kentucky for 3 years; and
 - Have made reasonable progress before their charitable goal in the last 3 years.
 - Your organization must have also had an office in the county in which they wish to game for the last year.
- If your organization is interested in conducting gaming, please decide what type and amount of gaming is appropriate for your organization given the amount of time and volunteer involvement necessary. The Department can help you decide what kind of gaming is appropriate for you.
 - If you decide to conduct gaming, the Department highly recommends that you attend training. Training is available monthly at the office and periodically in the state throughout the year. A training schedule is available on the website under “Training.” You can register for training via the Department’s web site as well.
- There is also a training manual available on the website under “Training.”

- Applications and information regarding the statutes and regulations and training are available on the website, www.dcg.ky.gov.
- Please call the office with any questions, 800-729-5672.